

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions and all prior listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A data input keyboard, comprising a key layout corresponding to a 101/104 English keyboard or a 106/109 Japanese keyboard adapted to include:

a lowermost key array having a pair of left and right keys centrally juxtaposed in a home position for left and right thumbs of a user, one of said left and right keys being an ENTER/RETURN key and the other one of said left and right keys being a SPACE key;

a middle key array having an extreme right key being a BACKSPACE key; and

an uppermost key array having an extreme right key being a DELETE key,

said ENTER/RETURN key, said SPACE key, said BACKSPACE key, and said DELETE key being a normal state of said keyboard without any key reassignment.

8. (Previously Presented) A data input keyboard according to claim 7, wherein said left key of said lowermost key array is said ENTER/RETURN key, and said right key of said lowermost key array is said SPACE key.

9. (New) A data input keyboard according to claim 7, wherein in the key array groups, from the uppermost key array to the lowermost key array, concerned with only character keys including a SPACE key.